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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR THE EC SUMMIT MEETING

1. IN A MEETING WITH MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR OLDENBURG NOVEMBER 9, DECM INQUIRED WHETHER, AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, THE DANES INTEND TO GO AHEAD WITH THE EC SUMMIT MEETING HERE NEXT MONTH DESPITE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 4. OLDENBURG INDICATED THAT THE PRESS ACCOUNT WENT A BIT BEYOND THE TRUE SITUATION. LETTERS WERE GOING OUT NOVEMBER 9 TO THE OTHER EIGHT, ADVISING THEM THAT THE DANISH INVITATION STILL STANDS DESPITE THE ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT. OLDENBURG SAID HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF SEVERAL OF THE EIGHT SUGGEST THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL
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AT LEAST JANUARY FOR THE SUMMIT, SINCE A CARETAKER

DANISH GOVERNMENT ON DECEMBER 14 IS VERY POSSIBLE.
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD RATE THE PROSPECTS
FOR HOLDING THE SUMMIT IN COPENHAGEN NEXT MONTH AS "IFFY".
(IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE SUMMIT IS NOW SCHEDULED
FOR DEC. 14 AND 15 INSTEAD OF 15 AND 16 AS ORIGINALLY
ANNOUNCED.)

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OLDENBURG SAID THERE HAS
BEEN NO DECISION WHETHER A SUMMIT SHOULD CONSIDER
ONLY BROAD POLITICAL ISSUES, AS DESIRED BY POMPIDOU,
OR WHETHER IT SHOULD DEAL WITH COMMON MARKET ISSUES
WHICH DEMAND ATTENTION. FOR THEIR PART, THE DANES FEEL
IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC FOR A HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING
IN DECEMBER NOT TO DEAL WITH THE PRESSING ECONOMIC
QUESTIONS WHICH SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY JANUARY 1. THIS
WOULD MEAN, HOWEVER, LARGER DELEGATIONS, WITH THE
ADDITION OF A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS, SOMETHING DIFFERENT
FROM WHAT POMPIDOU HAD SUGGESTED. OLDENBURG THOUGHT
THIS BASIC ISSUE (LEAVING ASIDE THE QUESTION WHETHER THERE
WOULD BE A SUMMIT IN DECEMBER) MIGHT NOT BE RESOLVED
UNTIL THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING DEC. 3 AND 4, AND
SUGGESTED THAT EVEN THEY MIGHT HAVE TO TOSS THE BALL BACK
TO THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT FOR DECISION.
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